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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Capt. Howgate has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

The Thomas Iron company, of Philadelphia, have given notice of an advance in price of pig iron as ranging about \$1 per ton.

George Wake was shot and killed at Matthews hotel by J. W. and A. L. Thompson, of Groesbeck, Texas. Woman at the bottom of the difficulty.

Judge Hazen, at Topeka, Kans., refused to grant the order asked for by E. H. Snow, to restrain J. R. Hudson, assuming office and performing duties of state printer.

The United States circuit court at Cleveland, Ohio, has handed down a decision which may prove a knock-out blow to the American Fibre charnons company of New York.

According to general report at Berlin, Princess Frederick Charles, of Prussia, who has been living in Italy, in the center and eastern states, smallness of our annual death-rate, and the persistency of good health in individuals, old and young.

Having a due acquaintance with the climates and diseases of other states, and being resident twenty-two years in this dry southwest—including fifteen in New Mexico and ten in this town—I am fully satisfied that there can be few places in America, if any, that can match Las Vegas in possible and actual salubrity. The entire absence of marshes, or wet river bottoms, wholly precludes the existence of those disease germs, which we call malaria. No malarial fevers are ever seen in this town or vicinity. With perfect drainage, with dry air nearly the whole of the year—the mean relative humidity being fifty for the year, and only thirty, or even twenty, for weeks or months, together, in February, March and April—with moderate, or dry summer heat, and cool nights, the opportunity for seasonal diseases does not exist here.

A Missouri doctor, visiting Las Vegas, hurried home, in response to a telegram from his partner, because a certain seasonal disease was developing beyond his power to meet the calls, alone. Such a summons could never be sent after a Las Vegas physician, and it is difficult to imagine such an abundance of medical practice here as to justify two physicians associating themselves in a business partnership.

Let me give a few illustrations of the health of our community. In other, lower and damper, states, sickness among children is reckoned one of the regular, unavoidable circumstances of domestic life. In our happy town, sickness among American children is rare, is unexpected, and is

To catch a more definite view of my own professional work in this line, in an average year of a well-established practice, chiefly domestic, I looked over my cash-book, for the twelve-month, to discover my earnings from the care of sick children. The interesting result was that but 5 1-2 per cent. of my income in that time resulted from attendance on children, under five years of age. Of the money so received, one-fifth came from the single case of a child brought in here, sick, from a neighboring commonwealth; while one-tenth of the whole accrued from vaccinations, and not one dollar represented a fatal case.

Las Vegas is far from being the paradise of doctors. Certainly, no town in New York or Ohio could offer such long periods, when the practice of all the resident physicians is so exceedingly light. Spells of weeks and months occur when one's practice hardly justifies his "plant" of office, books, instruments; the clinical thermometer, the hypodermic syringe, and the pocket case of instruments weigh down his garments, without the daily use that their constant carrying would suggest. The scanty prescription files at the drug stores, through these salutrious epochs, are corroborative of the lack of work of the medical fraternity. In these days of dearth, a visiting consumptive, an obstetric case, a stray gunshot wound, would be a ray of light, from heaven.

During the two years now just past, the lightness of medical practice has been a common matter of comment in the profession; and there has been an entire absence of the contagious diseases, scarlet fever, diphtheria, measles, small-pox; or those that are rated infectious, as croupous pneumonia and typhoid fever. The broncho-pneumonia has been very rare, and whenever present, it is remarkable as not being the scourge of childhood, as it is in the eastern towns, deaths rarely occurring from it, and the severest cases yielding only to treatment. Of course, the contagious and infectious diseases get in, at times, but they are notoriously lighter elsewhere, as epidemics, are more readily kept in check than in damper airs, apparently because of the repressing, deterrent effect of our dry, highly electrical atmosphere on the microscopic plant life, which is at the bottom of these human ailments.

To recur to the absence of seasonal diseases, not only do we not have the malarial fevers in late summer and autumn, but we do not have the abdominal disorders in the few warm months. Diarrhoea and dysentery are extremely infrequent, whether in old or young, are never either endemic or epidemic, and the rare sporadic cases are always easily traceable to personal indisposition, and hence occur in spite of the favorable climatic influences. Nor are the pulmonary affections of marked frequency in the cooler months. Bronchitis occurs, as it will in any climate, but it is not very common, and never severe, and when it develops into broncho-pneumonia, the result is easy to control by

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PERSONAL PICK-UPS.

Dr. D. C. Kelly left for Bland.

Arthur Romero is over from Mora, today.

Miss Lizzie S. Crain left for Ft. Scott,

Col. M. Brunswick is at home from Al-

buquerque.

Juan Silva and family have gone over to

Geo. Ewing, of the Blake ranch, was in

the city, to-day.

E. J. Shield, an Optic carrier boy, is off for San Felipe, N. M., where he has been associated with scarlet fever, or have complicated pregnancy, and tubercular disease of the lungs, in visitors. But standing alone, idiopathic, as we doctors say, I have yet to see my first case of Bright's disease among Americans resident in this southwest, in my twenty-two years of careful observation, though chemical tests and the microscope have constantly been depended on to correct the diagnoses. In view of such experience, I have always felt that families in which any tendency to actual degeneration of the kidneys is known to exist—verified by the microscope—might well consider the probable value, to them, of change of residence to this region. Even the cases observed, in connection with the three other conditions specified above, seem to show suspended activity in the chronic forms, and a fair ease of recovery, in the acute varieties.

Another disease occurring here, but which is astonishingly infrequent, is acute articular rheumatism. Rheumatism is such a shamefully abused word, being made by many, even doctors, to stand as the synonym of pain, that it must be clearly understood that I mean the variety properly so called, affecting the large joints, but also making allowance for the less well-developed, more insidious forms. One rarely hears of it in this community. I have not had in my own practice, in ten years in Las Vegas, six cases, whether fully developed acute articular rheumatism, or the slighter forms occasionally seen in children, where pain is the chief symptom, and no one of these was what a cockney might call a "blooming" case—that is, with great swelling of several joints. Besides these, three or four cases of heart disease, in young men, where a history of a barely appreciable attack of articular rheumatism shortly before was attainable.

Does not this suggest, also, a preferable residence here, for families or individuals subject to this disease, which is so terrible, and so very much more frequent in the eastern and central states?

This leads to a reference to heart disease. With the exception of the case of one little boy—a painfully neglected case—all the rheumatically damaged hearts I have seen have speedily made their peace with their surroundings, and their owners have lived active lives, playing base ball, riding after cattle, etc. So, also, it is proper to observe that persons with valvular murmurs in the heart—even occasionally, where a post mortem examination on decease from some other disorder has shown prodigious involvement of the valves—are able to live in this high altitude (6,500 feet), with its very stimulating conditions, without conscious impediment or detriment. But, ordinarily, persons with advanced organic disease of the heart, leading to embarrased respiration, etc., should avoid such altitudes, though residence on the lower plains might be both tolerable and improving.

My attention having been called, by an Odd Fellow, who has traveled much, to the infrequent drafts upon the treasury of the Las Vegas Lodge of this order, as compared with the many names of sick brothers he had heard called off, each evening, in his visits to eastern lodges, I was led to inspect the records of our home lodge, and the printed reports, as to the whole United States. The following results, I have already published in a scientific journal, using the large statistics of the Odd Fellows' order, for a recent year: It appears that whereas there died in Louisiana 18 Odd Fellows out of each 1,000; in Missouri and New Jersey, each, 13; in Massachusetts, 11; in Ohio, 10. In New Mexico, the figures fell to 9 per 1,000. While in these states, from 9 to 12 per cent. of all Odd Fellows received sick benefits, in New Mexico but 7.7 per cent. were so relieved; or, stated otherwise, the mortality in these states exceeded ours from 11 to 100 per cent., while the number of members shelved by disability was from 25 to 50 per cent. higher than ours.

The time lost from his vocation by each sick Odd Fellow gives more striking results. While every beneficiary in Massachusetts lost seven weeks, in New Jersey eight, in Ohio nine, in New Mexico he lost but four and a third weeks (in 1889, it fell to three weeks for this Territory); or, averaging the loss of valuable time for each member of the order, sick or well, it required only one and one-eighth Odd Fellows to use up a week in sickness in Ohio or New Jersey; in Massachusetts, one and one-fifth; while in this wholesome Territory three Odd Fellows might be told off before a week was lost from disability. That is, in Ohio and New Jersey about three-fold the time was lost by physical incapacity, among these adult

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU

VOLUNTARY OBSERVER'S METEOROLOGICAL REC-
ORD, FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE,
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East Las Vegas, San Miguel County, N. M.

DAY	Temperature	Precipitation
Max.	Min.	Mean
Rain		
Snow		
Wind		

only deaths that occurred in my lodge, in the six years next before the taking of these figures were, one suicide, not in good standing, and hence not really entitled to receive funeral benefits, or even be accounted for by the lodge; one visiting consumptive, inadvertently let into the lodge, contrary to rules; and one old man, with heart disease, of long standing, who had sought better health in New Mexico, and, at last, after years of renewed usefulness, succumbed to pneumonia. The figures for the Las Vegas lodge, as to time lost in disability, would appear much more to our advantage had I omitted one case, where such benefits were long drawn by a brother, whose incapacity was dishonorably incurred, and he, therefore, not entitled to benefits.

For a number of years, I kept a careful record of every death occurring among the American—that is, non-Spanish—population of Las Vegas, generally verifying the reported cause of death, in each instance. The first observation was that from 22 to 56 per cent. of our total number of deaths, annually, was from visiting invalids, the victims of advanced pulmonary consumption—cases too far gone to have ventured into this high altitude. Excluding these fatal cases among visitors, our resident American death rate was found to vary from 12 down to 6 per 1,000, per annum. In 1888, when we had an unusual number of deaths from chronic disorders in elderly persons, as cancer, heart disease, alcoholism, besides reported old age, the rate reached 10 per 1,000; in 1886, typhoid fever and other zymotics ran it up to 12; in 1887 and 1889, it was only 6 per 1,000. But in a certain series of years, 18 per cent. of all resident deaths were from violence, as railroad accidents, suicides, accidental shooting, lightning, and mishaps with horses. No death was reported, in these years, from Bright's disease, while but two deaths were reported from consumption, where the subject apparently developed the disease here, one being a visiting young woman, here with a consumptive relative, and herself already seriously invalidated otherwise; the other being an old United States pensioner, sadly broken with poverty and pension, in opium and alcohol. Cases of consumption actually developing here, either in Americans or among the Spanish people, are very rare.

In conclusion, I will state that there seems to be abundant reason for believing all conditions, in northern New Mexico, to be more favorable for the general promotion of health than Colorado, as well as for the worst cases of visiting invalids, while the greater winter warmth of southern New Mexico puts it far ahead of Colorado, for the outdoor life of the more delicate cases, in the colder months.

But for a fair, all-the-year-round climate, in which to keep health or to regain it, I know no town in the southwest, that is equal to Las Vegas.

Dr. McCrory, formerly of Springer, runs his professional card now in the La Belle Cresset.

What Las Vegas Wants.
That which Las Vegas most needs at this time, not to speak disparagingly in the least of other laudable enterprises on foot and in a fair way to be consummated, is the discovery and development of inexpensive supplies which are found on every side of us and which do not exist in this immediate vicinity. To further encourage the work of prospecting, it would not be amiss for the Citizens' club to offer a bonus of several hundred dollars to the prospector who shall find a vein of silver, diamonds, with a trifling distance from the city. Once found, as it undoubtedly would be, it should under no circumstances be permitted to pass into the hands of the railroad company, who are usually the first and largest bidders on such finds, and who, in their greed, are discovered at our very doors, then it is that manufacturing interests will gain prominence. Cheap fuel—an unoccupied field, and the usual side inducements, will then secure us all the manufacturing establishments that we want. Leavenworth found coal and was made; Atchison followed suit with the same result, and so may Las Vegas.

Historic Kearney's Pass.
Out from Las Vegas, in a southwesterly direction, is a romantic and historic spot called Kearney's pass. It is distant not over three miles from the city, and is a natural gateway in the crestone hills where the Agua Sarca finds its way out of the mountains. The pass was opened in 1856, General Kearney, in attempting to invade Las Vegas from Santa Fe, was repelled by Mexicans who had obstructed the gap at Agua Sarca, with a great pile of detached rock, thus preventing the further advance of the federal troops. Kearney took the situation under advisement and said that he would not be beaten. He ordered an ascent of the arid rocky pass. The ascent was made, and a number of guns were mounted on the opposite ridge and it did not require many rounds to put the enemy to flight; then the gap was cleared and the guns hauled down and passed through.

The time is close at hand when the country lying between Deming and the Mormon colonies in the republic of Mexico will be a series of prosperous settlements.

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FISHING IN MOUNTAIN STREAMS.

The exodus, at present, from principal points on the line of the Atchison railroad, for the hunting and fishing grounds of our native mountains and streams, has been, perhaps, unparalleled during former years. A visitor, just now, to the upper waters of the Pecos and vicinity, will find the neighborhood filled with lovers of the piscatorial art, and the number of tents and other out-door habitations lining the banks of the streams, is suggestive of some gala day to the aboriginal inhabitants.

To anyone seeking healthful, pleasurable recreation, provided they are imbued with a love of the Waltonian sport, there certainly can be no more delightful and invigorating exercise; for however enervated the ordinary existence of the disciple may be, when he arrives on the foreign heath, he must determine to be up with the lark, for the most successful angler is the one who casts his fly before the sun makes its appearance, and to do this satisfactorily necessitates an early retirement. Aside from the pleasure of the rod and the chase, a lover of the grand and beautiful in nature can have his utmost longings gratified in this re-

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THE HEALTHFULNESS OF LAS VEGAS.

BY
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Eastern people, the physicians, as well as those unlearned in medicine, often hear of the wholesomeness of the climate of the dry plains of the southwest, and the adjacent habitable mountain regions. But I am satisfied that but few of these have any just conception of what we residents know and experience here, from year to year, in continuous, protracted residence, as to the absence of a host of diseases, commonly prevalent in other parts of the country.

The United Scandinavian singers of America met in Boston, Mass., in annual convention, to-day. The program includes an extensive musical festival lasting for several days.

There was a cloud burst in the neighborhood of Haigler and Ives, N. M., causing five wash-outs on the Burlington railroad. One wash-out is about 150 feet long and fifteen feet deep.

A letter from President Cleve and will be read at the Tammany's society Fourth of July celebration. It is said that he touches briefly upon the financial and political condition of the country.

Just thirty persons were assembled at East Turner hall in Denver at 10 o'clock, yesterday morning, the time set for the Colorado democratic mass convention for consideration of the financial question.

The iron mills of the Moorehead, McClean company, at Pittsburg, Pa., have been sold by the sheriff. The plant is worth over \$1,000,000, but went for \$11,000, just enough to cover taxes due and sheriff's costs.

The confederated Irish societies will hold a meeting of the Great Northern hotel, in Chicago, this evening, for the purpose of perfecting arrangements for the annual demonstration of the organization August 15.

A Berlin correspondent who has intimate relations with the Bismarck family says Bismarck has been suffering from great physical depression, combined with severe neuralgia in the face and is only able to take liquid food.

Despite the reward of \$5,000, offered by the West Side street railway company for the slayer of Cashier (Jack) the gambler's boy, Chicago was, to-day, plunged in return into a violent dispute, the secret of which is attributed to unknown parties.

Sister Commissioner of Insurance Walpole, of Colorado, has requested the attorney general to take all necessary steps to prevent the Great Western mutual aid association and Great Western mutual accident association from continuing business.

J. H. Vandever, treasurer of Poinsett county, Arkansas, claims to have been robbed of several thousand dollars. July 1st is the last day for county treasurers to settle and the discovery of the alleged robbery just before the hour of settlement caused a sensation.

The annual athletic meet between the teams of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge is in progress in London, to-day. More than usual interest attaches to the event, owing to the possibility of an international contest being arranged with one or more of the American universities.

Governor McKinley, of Ohio, is spending the day in Chicago. To-morrow, he will make an address at Sharpshooter's park, by invitation of the trade and labor assembly, which will hold its Fourth of July demonstration at that place. Vice-President Stevenson will also address the laborites.

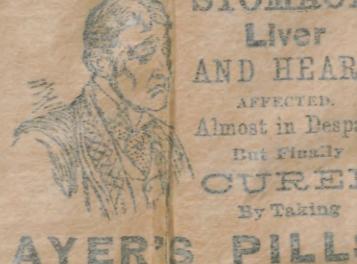
James Foxwell, a carpenter residing in Plymouth, N. H., went to England, last winter, to establish his rights as claimant to one-third his deceased uncle's estate. A letter received there brought news to the Foxwell family that he had been victorious. The estate is valued at \$3,000,000.

The trial of Jabez Balfour, who has attained a world-wide fame in connection with the Liberator building society, and other colossal frauds, was, to-day, set for July 23d by Justice Colins, in London. Balfour's stealing ran well into the millions and swallowed the savings of thousands of widows and others in poor circumstances. He was finally captured in Brazil, after a tedious search.

The Newmarket, England, 1st of July meeting opened under favorable auspices. The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cambridge Mr. and Mrs. Croker, M. F. Dwyer and many other nobilities were present. In the trials of 200 sovereigns for three-year-old and over, "Ottoman" won, "Santenz" second, "Virago" third. There were seven runners, including Dwyer's "Don Alonzo" with "Siamese" up. The American entry was not placed. The course was the Banbury mile.

The closing of the term of the Minnesota supreme court, to-day, was rendered notable by the conclusion of the case of Harry Hayward, who has been convicted of the murder of Catherine Ging. The decision of the court will not be made public for some days, but it is thought, beyond question, that a new trial will be refused. Hayward's recent application to the New York Life and Travellers' Accident insurance companies for the \$10,000 insurance on the life of his victim was made merely to bear out his claim of innocence.

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Liver
AND HEART
AFFECTION
Almost in Despair
But Finally
CURED
By Taking

Free Pills.
Send your address to H. E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of constipation and sick headache. For malaria and liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels, greatly invigorate the system. Regular size, 25 cents per box. Sold by Winters Drug Co.

Mrs. Withers, of San Antonio, Tex., mother of Mrs. J. L. Bulis, is at Santa Fe to spend the summer. She is accompanied by her daughter, Miss Anna, and son, Dr. Robert Withers.

Attny Team.

Flit Bartlett in her last syndicate article says: "I don't recommend any special brand of tea for afternoon four o'clocks. I do, however, know all about the best tea to take at night. Parks' tea will certainly clear your complexion and purify your blood. You will be surprised at the improvement if you take a cup of Parks' Tea each night." For sale by O. G. Schaefer.

George Hasty has opened a general merchandise store at Kelly, Socorro county.

Karl's Clover Root, the great blood purifier, gives freshness and clearness to the complexion and cures constipation, 25 cts., 50 cts., \$1. Sold by Winters Drug Co.

Jas. McGee opened a saloon in Kelly, Socorro county.

On Yes!

We keep Parks' Cough Syrup and tell everyone it is the best cough

we sell. Everybody likes it and we sell it on a guarantee. Try it for your cold. Sold by O. G. Schaefer.

James Lyons, superintendent of the clay works, down at Socorro, is the happy father of a bouncing boy.

Don't Go.

Coughing around. You can stop it if

you want to by using Parks' Cough

Syrup. If it doesn't cure your cold

in ten minutes, return it to us.

Interest paid on all deposits of \$5 and over.

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Fresh drugs and purest chemicals, only, used in our prescription department.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 3, 1895.

METROPOLIS MISCELLANY.

There is a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own beloved city;
Let's all join hands and make her pretty,
And fringe her with trees and grasses,
A picture of the land and sky,
Adding sweet flowers, and music's story,
To our Greater Las Vegas's glory!

The Fourth.
Fruit is ripening.
Full moon on the 6th.
WEEKLY OPTIC, to-morrow.

A good deal of lumber came to town, today.

Now we are glad to say that the rainfall for July is about normal, so may reasonably expect some rain with-in the next thirty days.

During the past week, the rainfall has been about normal, but quite unevenly distributed. The heaviest reported was a total of 1.47 inches at Las Vegas; this was accompanied by a sharp hailstorm, but no extensive damage is reported. Crops in general are in good condition and made excellent growth during the week, and so far an abundance of water for irrigation is reported. The stock ranges in the northern part of the Territory are reported to be in splendid condition and stock in good order.

During the past week, the director of this service visited Las Vegas and vicinity, where all crops appeared to be doing very well and the outlook was favorable. The stock ranges in that vicinity were in the best possible condition. Large quantities of peaches, apricots and other fruits are now being shipped from the Mesilla valley. The fruit crop in general will be excellent for the whole Territory.

HOW TO MAKE MONEY.

Digging gold ore out of the mines may or may not be a profitable business, says the Pueblo Chieftain, but there are some ways of making money concerning which there is no question.

All over this Rocky Mountain country, land can be obtained almost for a song, and water applied to the land will certainly grow any grain of the north temperate zone in great abundance; yet, in any town of this section, wheat retails at \$1.40 per 100 pounds, which is about eighty cents a bushel, or nine to ten cents higher than what wheat is worth in Chicago. Other grains are sold at similar rates, and all the grains at all times command such prices.

What is true of the grains, is true of fruits, vegetables, hay, butter, eggs, fowls—all kinds and characters of farm products. The local supply does not equal one-fourth of the demand, and prices can always be obtained which would make an eastern farmer short for joy.

This office is informed from a private source that, on Monday afternoon, a writ of error to the supreme court of this Territory was filed in the supreme court clerk's office, in Santa Fe, on behalf of the four men now in the Santa Fe jail, sentenced to be hanged on July 10th, 1895, for the murder of ex-Sheriff Frank Chaves. This application operates as a stay of proceedings and extends the term of life of these men at least a year, as it cannot be heard by the Territorial supreme court till July, 1896. The Optic is also reliably informed that the rumors of additional confessions by Patricio Valencia and Laureano Alarid are untrue, although it is openly charged on the streets of Santa Fe that efforts were made by interested parties to get such confessions, in order to connect prominent republicans, to the number of thirty or forty, in the crime. It is also claimed in Santa Fe that, so far, Governor Thornton has declined to become a party to this outrageous business and certainly nothing has come of it, as yet.

To-day is the anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, when Pickett made his immortal charge and the southern confederacy took its final ignominious mark. To-morrow, the anniversary of the surrender of Vicksburg, to Gen. Grant. These great events occurred thirty-one years ago, and since then a new generation has been born and grown to manhood. The republic is peace; the north and south have fraternized, and the nation is marching down the centuries, achieving better things, with each recurring year, and realizing the hope of its fathers that it would be the best practical expression of human government. Lincoln sleeps at Springfield and Grant at Riverside, but their works live after them, and they did not live and die in vain.

The Optic will lay by, to-morrow, Fourth of July, you know.

The Rio Grande has subsided from a vicious invasion of its banks and has settled down to be quite a decent sort of river.

GETTING THERE, ELI.

Special Sale!

FOR—

TO-DAY. Colorado Strawberries,

Only 10c Box.

Arbuckle's
and Lion COFFEE

2 lbs. for 45c.

Remember, we meet all Competition. Our Prices the Lowest.

GRAAF & BOWLES.

THE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Following is the program of exercises at the second annual tournament by the New Mexico association of volunteer firemen, in Santa Fe, to-morrow:

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY JULY 4th.
9 a.m.—Grand procession led by Prof. Perez's band, will form on the plaza and march to Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe properties which purify and beautify the skin, and prevent skin blemishes, occasioned by imperfect cleansing at birth and the use of impure soap. Guaranteed absolutely pure by analytical chemists of the highest standing.

Sold throughout the world. Price, 5c. PORTES DRUG & CHEM. CORP., Soc. Propri., Boston, Mass. "All about Baby's Skin, Scalp, and Hair," free.

Tributes to Dead Brothers.

WHEREAS, it has pleased our Heavenly Father that our well-beloved brother Harry Mumford, should pass out of our sight; and no more be seen amongst the living on earth, it is deemed proper by this lodge to place on record the sentiments its members entertain for the departed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of our brother, Harry Mumford, we have lost a brother who was ever regular in his attendance (when dwelling in our midst), and who, when filling the office of secretary, conducted the same in most exemplary manner. As a parent, he was loved by his children, with whom and his loved wife we deeply sympathize in their bereavement; and be it further

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